To the Right Reverend the Miniſters and Elders conveened in this preſent Aſſembly;

The Heirs of Andrew Anderſon

Humbly Shew,

THat where by their Gift under the Great-Seal, Dated the 12 Day of *May*, 1671. The Deceaſt King *Charles* the *Second*, did Nominat and Appoint the Deceaſt *Andrew Anderſon*, and His Heirs and Aſſigneys, His only principal Printer for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and that for the ſpace of fourty one Years after his entry thereto, with Power to him and them, to Print Bibles, New-Teſtaments, Pſalm Books of whatſoever Volum, with all Books of Theology, Commentaries, Concordances, *&c.* And a Prohibition to all others to do the ſame; So that by our ſaid Right, we humbly preſume, that we have the ſole Right to be Printers to this Aſſembly: Likeas, it was formerly ſo practiſed, that the King's Printer did Print to the Kirk, until that in the late Troubles, the King's Printer falling under Diſpleaſure, did abſent himſelf, and then alſo the Deceaſt *George Anderſon*, Father to the ſaid *Andrew*, got the Kirks Imployment; whereby it is evident, that both by our Patent, and by kindneſs, we have the only juſt Claim to be Printers to this Aſſembly. And ſeing that we are moſt Capable, and that any that can compete with us, are Served either by Papiſts, or perſons otherways unqualified. And that we are deſirous to preſerve our Priviledge, as much by the Favour of this Aſſembly, as by Pleading our Right in Law. And that on the Faith of His Majeſties Gift, your Petitioners have Printed a great number of Bibles, Pſalm Books, Confeſſions of Faith, and other Books of Divinity, and are preſently Printing many more; and are provided with Types, Paper, and all Materials, to a great value; whereby the allowing of any other Printer to Print to the Kirk, would raiſe their pretence to the Printing, and Vending of other *Books* of Divinity, *Authoriſed* by the Kirk, and thereby ruine your Petitioners.

May it therefore pleaſe this Venerable Aſſembly, in conſideration of the Premiſſes, to Declare, That we are, and are to be their ſole Printers, as well by their Favour and Conceſſion, as by our foreſaid Gift; and that none ſhall be allowed by them to Print, or Act in the contrary;

And your Petitioners ſhall ever Pray.